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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 11, 15, 16 and 22-27 are currently pending in this application. In a Final Official Office Action dated March 13, 2007, claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 11, 15 and 16 were allowed, claims 25 and 27 objected to, and claims 22-24 and 26 rejected. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his consideration and identification of allowable subject matter. In view of the finality of the pending Office Action, the Applicant presents the following amendment to place, the Applicant believes, the pending claims in condition for allowance

Applicant herein amends claim 24 and respectfully traverses the Examiner's prior rejections. Claims 22-23 are canceled without prejudice and no new claims are presently added. These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. The claims have been amended to expedite the prosecution and issuance of the application. In making this amendment, the Applicant has not and is not narrowing the scope of the protection to which the Applicant considers the claimed invention to be entitled and does not concede, directly or by implication, that the subject matter of such claims was in fact disclosed or taught by the cited prior art. Rather, the Applicant reserves the right to pursue such protection at a later point in time and merely seeks to pursue protection for the subject matter presented in this submission.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and withdraw them.

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Objection of the claims

Claims 25 and 27 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Independent claim 24, base claim of claim 25, has been rewritten incorporating into it all of the limitations of claim 25. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections are respectfully requested.

Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. RE37,751 by Sutardja. Claim 24 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 25. As claim 25 has been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant contends that newly amended claim 24 is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 22, 23, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sutardja in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,735,260 by Eliezer et al. ("Eliezer"). Claims 22 and 23 are herein canceled without prejudice. Claim 26 depends from newly amended claim 24. The Applicant contends that claim 26 is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of all of the above, the claims are now believed to be allowable and the case in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would

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expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed due for this submittal. However, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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